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State Dept. Asks Soviet To Send Home Diplomat Linked to Spying Case

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WASHINGTON, May 21—The United States has asked the Soviet Union to send home a diplomat named as a co-conspirator in an espionage case, the State Department announced today.

The Minister Counselor at the Soviet Embassy, Vladilen M. Vasev, was summoned to the State Department yesterday and told that Vladimir P. Zinyakin, an attache at the United Nations, should leave as soon as possible. Mr. Zinyakin holds diplomatic immunity from arrest, unlike two other Soviet citizens arrested with him yesterday in Woodbridge, N.J. The two, Rudolf Petrovich Chernyayev and Valdik Aleksandrovich Enger, were being held in the Metropolitan Detention Center (the Tombs) in New York in lieu of \$2 million bail each. Both work at the United Nations Secretariat.

An official here said that while the espionage activities had been going on for some time, action had been taken now because they seemed particularly flagrant. The three Soviet citizens were accused of attempting to buy classified information on antisubmarine warfare.

The official said the Administration was not too concerned about Soviet sensibilities in view of other current problems with Moscow, including Soviet activities in Africa and human-rights cases.

Some officials viewed the timing of the arrests as unfortunate because the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei A. Gromyko, is due late this week to discuss the negotiations on strategic arms, the one area of United States-Soviet relations not affected by other strains.